THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Under the new industrial policy, the requirement of industrial licensing has been done away with except for a short list of 18 industries which are under compulsory licensing.

There are three proposals for setting up of units in Himachal Pradesh for the manufacture of beer, wine etc. which are included in the list of industries requiring industrial licensing.

Foreign exchange earned/spent by Maruti Udyog Limited

1098. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange spent by Maruti Udyog Limited during the last three years and during the current year so far;

(b) the burden of foreign exchange due to Maruti Udyog Ltd. during the financial year 1990-91 and the expenditure incurred or committed to be incurred by this company in foreign exchange during the first six months of the current financial year;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned by Maruti Udyog Ltd. during the last financial year and first six months of the current financial year; and

(d) whether situation of foreign exchange deficit is still continuing and if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation and the time by which the result is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) During the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91), Maruti Udyog Ltd. spent foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 505.72 crores for import of components. The foreign exchange spent during the period 1-4-91 to 30-9-91 is Rs. 101.12 crores.

(b) and (c). The details about the foreign exchange spent for import of components and the foreign exchange earned during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (till 30-9-91) are as under:-

	Foreign Exchange spent for component imports (Rs. in crores)	*Foreign Exchange earned (Rs. in crores)*
1990-91	171.14	72.91
1991-92* (till 30-9-91)	101.12	122.78

*provisional

(d) During the first half of the current year (1991-92), Maruti Udyog Limited has earned more foreign exchange than what it spent for import of components, including those for export vehicles.

[*English*]

Punjab National Fertiliser and Chemical, Nangal

1099. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Punjab National Fertiliser & Chemical, Nangal is at the verge of collapse; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). M/s. Punjab National Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, a joint sector undertaking (deemed Government Company) of the State Government of Punjab, producing Soda Ash and Ammonium, Chloride, has reported a loss of Rs. 475.21 lakhs during the year 1990-91. The Company has reported that their losses would increase during the current year on account of de-control of Ammonium Chloride fertilizer with effect from 25th July, 1991. As Ammonium Chloride fertilizer stands de-controlled and no subsidy is now payable, the Government of India has no role to play in the functioning of this Company.

Demand to Abolish Contract Labour System

1100. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Offices and Establishments Employees' Union has demanded the abolition of contract labour system;

(b) whether all Central Trade Unions have given a strike call for November 29, 1991 to press their demands; and

(c) if so, the details of their demands and the steps Government have taken or proposed to be taken to meet their demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. As per available information, trade unions affiliated to Central Trade Union Organisations other than INTUC, BMS and NLO have given a call for an industrial strike on November 29, 1991.

The major demands mentioned in the strike notices are:

1) The reformulate the industrial and economic policies of the Government of India in Consultation with Central Trade Unions.

2) To stop immediately all measures of privatisation of public sector units.

3) To provide necessary foreign exchange to import absolutely essential requirements of public sector units.

4) Scrap the BPE Circular or Pension and immediate finalisation of Pension Schemes.

5) To expedite the tripartite DA Committee's recommendations.

6) To commence bipartite negotiations on charter of demands of unions in public sector units within 2 months of their submission. No reference of any demands of Workers to Industrial Tribunals or Pay Commission. Restore collective bargaining rights to LIC, GIC and RBI employees.

7) A statutory ban on off-loading of jobs of engagement of contract labour in jobs of permanent and perennial nature in public and private sectors.